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# **RIDE Summer Learning for 2021: All Course Network (ACN)**

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# Agenda

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# Background on RIDE's All Course Network (ACN)

**The ACN is a statewide course catalog that allows students across the state to take free courses offered by non-profits, colleges, municipalities, and other school districts.**

- The All Course Network (ACN) is a RIDE initiative to offer supplemental academic and enrichment opportunities to pre-K to 12th grade students and recent graduates\* outside of the traditional school day. The ACN launched in the 2015-16 school year as the "Advanced Course Network."
- ACN courses include dual enrollment, career credential, work-based learning (WBL), Advanced Placement (AP), and enrichment courses.
- ACN course providers offer classes in person, virtually, or through a hybrid model. These providers can be Local Education Agencies (LEAs), community-based organizations (CBOs), private colleges in Rhode Island, public colleges\*, and municipalities\*.
- Students pre-register for course selections on EnrollRI\*, RIDE's new one-stop registration website for learning opportunities. Seats in oversubscribed courses are awarded via a lottery\*.

*\* new to the ACN this year*

# Summer 2020: SAIL with PrepareRI

**RIDE offered hundreds of free online summer learning opportunities, including both enrichment and academic courses, that served thousands of RI students.**

- In summer 2020, RIDE launched the Summer Academy for Interactive Learning (SAIL) with PrepareRI program. This built on the ACN platform, but offered a wider variety of courses (including enrichment classes) and all programming was virtual.
- Results
  - 75 providers funded; 430 learning opportunities offered
  - 6,795 learning opportunities taken (2,078 in Readiness Courses for ELA/Math and 4,717 in other courses)
  - More than 4,000 unique students served; 30% of students from urban core districts
- Sample providers: Roger Williams Zoo, Providence Children’s Museum, Trinity Repertory Theater, MobileQuest STEM, URI, RIC, CCRI, Rhode Island School of Design, Brown University, College Crusade, Jumpstart Coalition, ARISE, Mass Insight, etc.
- RIDE also worked with the Dept of Human Services to provide supplemental funding for in-person learning and summer camps
  - This funded 122 programming opportunities across the state from 70 different providers, serving 9,042 students
- Between SAIL and the in-person learning, over 14,000 Rhode Island students participated—nearly 10% of all RI students.



# Planning for Summer 2021: LEAP Task Force

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**RIDE launched the Learning, Equity & Accelerated Pathways (LEAP) Task Force in February 2021 to create a unified statewide approach to accelerating student learning after COVID.**

- The [LEAP Task Force report](#) was released in April 2021
- One of the key recommendations coming out of the LEAP Task Force was expanding free summer learning opportunities for students. Specific recommendations for summer learning included:
  - A delivery model that partners districts with CBOs and external partners
  - Intentional, equitable outreach to families
  - Clear focus on attendance and engagement
  - Small class sizes
  - Strong focus on positive relationships
  - Increased communication with families



# Improvements for Summer 2021

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- All registration will now go through EnrollRI, RI's one-stop website for educational opportunities.
  - This means families will only have to go to single website to find RIDE's summer learning opportunities.
- Merging the SAIL initiative into the year-round ACN.
  - LEAP Task Force members noted that summer learning is most effective when there is a clear connection between summer learning and year-round learning.
- Prioritizing **in-person** academic and enrichment experiences for **multilingual learners** (MLLs) and **differently-abled students** (DAS).
- Making cross-district collaboration easier, by piloting a "CourseShare" functionality.
  - This feature will allow LEAs to post courses they manage and fund on EnrollRI, so out-of-district students can fill empty seats. This was not possible under the ACN previously.
- Allowing **municipalities** and **public colleges** to serve as providers.
- Providers will be asked to report on **student outcomes data**.
  - RIDE may share this data with students' schools, so that schools can better serve those students.



# ACN courses for the 2021-22 school year

There are **6,154 seats** available for students, across 345 different courses, from 66 different providers this cycle.

Type of Course on the ACN	# of Courses	Students who take these courses will...
<i>Advanced Placement (AP)</i> (Grades 10-12)	2	Earn high school credit AND those earning a 3 or higher on the AP exam are eligible for college credit at most colleges
<i>Readiness courses</i> (Grades 8 and 12)	9	Have the option to not re-take the math placement exam at the state's three public colleges when they matriculate
<i>Financial Literacy</i> (Grades 10-12)	12	Earn high school credit AND transcribed college credit from New England Institute of Technology
<i>Career Credential</i> (Grades 9-12)	20	Earn high school credit AND an industry-recognized credential that they can use immediately
<i>Work-based Learning (WBL)</i> (Grades 7-12)	40	Earn high school credit AND will complete on-the-job training with industry experts
<i>Dual Enrollment</i> (Grades 9-12)	46	Earn high school credits AND transcribed college credit on their permanent postsecondary transcript
<i>Enrichment</i> (Pre-K students through class of 2021 grads)	216	Get high-quality, in-person programming to enrich their learning

# Sampling of ACN summer courses

Course Type	Advanced Placement	Career Credential	Work-based Learning (WBL)	Dual Enrollment	Enrichment
<b>Sample Courses</b>  <i>Browse all 350+ available courses:</i> <a href="http://www.enrollri.org">www.enrollri.org</a>	Calculus AB  Physics I	Construction 101 Career Credential  Certified Nursing Assistant Career Credential  Google UX Design Professional Certificate	Intro to Boat Building  Making Money Moves with Young Voices  Teens and Tourism Training with Providence Children's Museum	Introduction to Game Dev (NEIT)  American Government (CCRI)  Foundations of Leadership Studies (JWU)	Snapology: Science of Superpowers  You are What You Eat: An Intro to Home Cooking & Gardening  AfterZone Adventure Camp at Roger Williams Park  Jovenes Creativos - Bilingual Maker Program





# Get Involved



## Sign up now!

- All courses are now available for pre-registration at [EnrollRI.org](https://enrollri.org) through June 11

## Additional Resources

- Students and families can learn more at [www.EnrollRI.org](https://www.EnrollRI.org)
- Schools can learn more about ACN policies at: [ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/EducationPrograms/AdvancedCoursework.aspx](https://ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/EducationPrograms/AdvancedCoursework.aspx)

## Contact Us

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- For support with registering on the EnrollRI platform, email [helpenrollri@ride.ri.gov](mailto:helpenrollri@ride.ri.gov)